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Council Action February 7, 2011
Executive Action February 11, 2011
Effective Date April 13, 2011

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 3-2011

Introduced by: Greg Fox
Co-sponsored by: Courtney Watson

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Introduced and read first time January 3, 2011. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on January 18, 2011.

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This Bill was read the third time on February 7, 2011 and Passed , Passed with amendments ✓, Failed .

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Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8th day of February, 2011 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive February 11, 2011

Ken Ulman
Ken Ulman, County Executive

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11 **6.342. ~~VETERANS' COMMISSION~~ COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES.**

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4 *RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; OR*

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1 (3) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE, AND INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENT
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3 CONSIDERATION OF VETERANS AND THEIR HISTORY OF SERVICE IN EDUCATION,
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9 RESOURCE TO THE COMMISSION;

10 (5) (6) INSTITUTE AND CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER PROGRAMS, MEETINGS,
11 AND CONFERENCES TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS AND
12 MILITARY FAMILIES;

13 (6) (7) ADVISE THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF PROGRAMS
14 AND SERVICES IN THE STATE AND COUNTY RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF VETERANS AND
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28 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMISSION.

30 **6.703. COOPERATION.**

1 ~~SUBJECT TO PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS, EACH COUNTY AGENCY SHALL COOPERATE FULLY~~
2 ~~WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY VETERANS' COMMISSION.~~

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4 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,*
5 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
6 *appointees to the Commission, 2 appointees shall have a term of 1 year, 2 appointees shall have*
7 *a term of 2 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 3 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 4*
8 *years, and 3 appointees shall have a term of 5 years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm*
9 *the appointments.*

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11 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that*
12 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

Amended Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 3-2011

BY: Chairperson at the request
of the County Executive and
Mary Kay Sigaty and Jennifer Terrasa

Legislative Day No. 2
Date: February 7, 2011

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment:

- 1. Changes the name of the Commission;*
- 2. Adds certain definitions;*
- 3. Clarifies the method of appointment;*
- 4. Changes the composition of the Commission;*
- 5. Adds that the Commission may maintain certain lists; and*
- 6. Removes certain unnecessary language.)*

1 In the title, strike "Veterans' Commission" and substitute "Commission for Veterans and
2 Military Families".

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4 In the title, strike "requiring County agencies to cooperate with the Commission;"

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6 On page 1, in lines 11 and 18, in each instance, strike "VETERANS' COMMISSION" and substitute
7 "COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES".

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9 On page 1, in line 12, strike "VETERANS' COMMISSION" and substitute "COMMISSION FOR
10 VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES".

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12 On page 1, in line 19, strike "VETERANS' " and substitute "COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND
13 MILITARY FAMILIES" and, in line 20, strike "COMMISSION".

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15 On page 1 strike lines 21 through 29, inclusive and in their entirety, and substitute:

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17 (1) MILITARY FAMILY SHALL INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS:

18 (i) A VETERAN, ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL MEMBER, OR MEMBER OF A

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1 RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; OR

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25 WITHOUT LIMITATION:".

26 On page 2, in line 16, strike "OR".

27 On page 2, in line 17, after "VETERANS" insert:

28 (XVII) AN ORGANIZATION OF VETERAN COMMISSIONED CORPS MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
29 SERVICE; OR

30 (XVII) AN ORGANIZATION OF VETERAN COMMISSIONED CORPS MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
31 OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

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6 THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT; AND

7 (3) TWO MEMBERS SHALL WORK OR VOLUNTEER FOR AN ORGANIZATION THAT
8 SERVES VETERANS OR MILITARY FAMILIES.”.

10 On page 2, in line 30, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”.

12 On page 3, in line 2, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F)”.

14 On page 3, in line 4, strike “VETERANS’ COMMISSION” and substitute “THE COMMISSION FOR
15 VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES”.

17 On page 3, in line 5, strike “HOWARD COUNTY VETERANS’ COMMISSION” and substitute
18 “COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES”.

20 On page 3, in line 7, after “SERVED” insert “OR ARE SERVING” and after “STATES” insert “AND
21 MILITARY FAMILIES”.

23 On page 3, in line 9, strike “AND VETERANS” and substitute “VETERANS, AND MILITARY
24 FAMILIES”.

26 On page 3, in line 18, strike “THEIR FAMILIES” and substitute “MILITARY FAMILIES”.

28 On page 3, after line 18, insert:

29 “(5) IDENTIFY AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS AS A RESOURCE TO
30 THE COMMISSION.”.

- 1 On page 3, in line 19, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”.
- 2
- 3 On page 3, in lines 20, 25 and 26, in each instance, after “VETERANS” insert “AND MILITARY
- 4 FAMILIES”.
- 5
- 6 On page 3, in line 20, after “RIGHTS” insert “OF”.
- 7
- 8 On page 3, in line 21, strike “(6)” and substitute “(7)”.
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- 10 On page 3, in line 23, strike “THEIR” and substitute “MILITARY”.
- 11
- 12 On page 3, in line 24, strike “(7)” and substitute “(8)”.
- 13
- 14 On page 3, strike lines 27 through 29, inclusive and in their entirety.
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- 16 On page 4, strike lines 7 through 9, inclusive and in their entirety.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 3-2011

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No: 2

Date: February 7, 2011

Amendment 1 to Amendment No. 1

1 On page 2, in line 14, strike “.” and substitute “.OR”.

2
3 On page 2, after line 14, insert:

4 “(III) A PERSON WHO SERVED FULL TIME AS A COMMISSIONED CORPS MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
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Amendment 2 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 3-2011

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No: 2

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Amendment 2 to Amendment No. 1

(This amendment makes grammatical and clarifying changes.)

- 1 On page 1, in line 18, strike "PERSONNEL" and substitute "MEMBER".
- 2
- 3 On page 2, in line 19, after "ONE" insert "OR MORE".
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- 5 On page 2, in line 25, before "FAMILY MEMBERS" insert "IMMEDIATE".

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3 REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE
4 PREVIOUS YEAR. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR CHANGES OR
5 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMISSION.

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7 **6.703. COOPERATION.**

8 SUBJECT TO PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS, EACH COUNTY AGENCY SHALL COOPERATE FULLY
9 WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY VETERANS' COMMISSION.

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11 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,*
12 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
13 *appointees to the Commission, 2 appointees shall have a term of 1 year, 2 appointees shall have*
14 *a term of 2 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 3 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 4*
15 *years, and 3 appointees shall have a term of 5 years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm*
16 *the appointments.*

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18 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that*
19 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 3-2011

BY: Chairperson at the request
of the County Executive and
Mary Kay Sigaty and Jennifer Terrasa

Legislative Day No. 2
Date: February 7, 2011

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment:

- 1. Changes the name of the Commission;*
- 2. Adds certain definitions;*
- 3. Clarifies the method of appointment;*
- 4. Changes the composition of the Commission;*
- 5. Adds that the Commission may maintain certain lists; and*
- 6. Removes certain unnecessary language.)*

1 In the title, strike "Veterans' Commission" and substitute "Commission for Veterans and
2 Military Families".

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4 In the title, strike "requiring County agencies to cooperate with the Commission;".

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6 On page 1, in lines 11 and 18, in each instance, strike "VETERANS' COMMISSION" and substitute
7 "COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES".

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9 On page 1, in line 12, strike "VETERANS' COMMISSION" and substitute "COMMISSION FOR
10 VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES".

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12 On page 1, in line 19, strike "VETERANS' " and substitute "COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND
13 MILITARY FAMILIES" and, in line 20, strike "COMMISSION".

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15 On page 1 strike lines 21 through 29, inclusive and in their entirety, and substitute:

16 "(B) DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE:

17 (1) MILITARY FAMILY SHALL INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS:

18 (i) A VETERAN, ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, OR MEMBER OF A RESERVE

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2 On page 2, in line 30, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”.

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4 On page 3, in line 2, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F)”.

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6 On page 3, in line 4, strike “VETERANS’ COMMISSION” and substitute “THE COMMISSION FOR
7 VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES”.

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9 On page 3, in line 5, strike “HOWARD COUNTY VETERANS’ COMMISSION” and substitute
10 “COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES”.

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12 On page 3, in line 7, after “SERVED” insert “OR ARE SERVING” and after “STATES” insert “AND
13 MILITARY FAMILIES”.

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15 On page 3, in line 9, strike “AND VETERANS” and substitute “VETERANS, AND MILITARY
16 FAMILIES”.

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18 On page 3, in line 18, strike “THEIR FAMILIES” and substitute “MILITARY FAMILIES”.

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20 On page 3, after line 18, insert:

21 “(5) IDENTIFY AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS AS A RESOURCE TO
22 THE COMMISSION;”.

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24 On page 3, in line 19, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”.

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26 On page 3, in lines 20, 25 and 26, in each instance, after “VETERANS” insert “AND MILITARY
27 FAMILIES”.

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29 On page 3, in line 20, after “RIGHTS” insert “OF”.

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31 On page 3, in line 21, strike “(6)” and substitute “(7)”.

Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 3-2011

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No: 2

Date: Feb. 7, 2011

Amendment No. 2

(This amendment allows for inclusion of commissioned veterans of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.)

1 On page 2, in line 16, strike "OR".

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3 Also on page 2, in line 17, after "VETERANS", insert:

4 ":

5 (XVII) AN ORGANIZATION OF VETERAN COMMISSIONED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

6 HEALTH SERVICE; OR

7 (XVIII) AN ORGANIZATION OF VETERAN COMMISSIONED MEMBERS OF THE

8 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION."

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10 Also on page 2, in line 28, after "STATES," insert "THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AS A
11 COMMISSIONED MEMBER, OR THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AS A
12 COMMISSIONED MEMBER,"

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14 On page 3, in line 7, after "FORCES" insert "THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, OR THE
15 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION".

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on February 11, 2011.

Stephen M. LeGendre
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2011.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2011.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2011.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2011.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2011.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council